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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 09/871,115

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Art Unit: 2182

For: INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICE WITH  
CONFIGURATION, FAULT ISOLATION AND  
REDUNDANT FAULT ASSIST  
FUNCTIONALLY

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 6, 2004, Applicant hereby elects without traverse, what the Examiner has identified as Group 2, namely, claims 12-36 and 56-71, for continued examination.

This paper is timely filed. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP. A copy of this paper is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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